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For: Method and Apparatus for a Two-Step	§		02-1051
Resist Soft Bake to Prevent ILD	§		
Outgassing During Semiconductor	§		
Processing	§		

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 22, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks set forth below.